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The Honorable Kay Granger Chair House Committee on Appropriations U.S. House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Tom Cole Chairman Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies U.S. House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515 The Honorable Rosa DeLauro Ranking Member House Committee on Appropriations U.S. House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Mike Quigley
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and
Urban Development, and Related Agencies
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger, Ranking Member DeLauro, Chairman Cole, and Ranking Member Quigley:

As you begin crafting the fiscal year 2024 (FY24) Transportation, Housing and Urban Development appropriations bill, I respectfully request that you provide a funding level of \$15,487,969 for the Transmodal Yard Demolition and Reconstruction. The entity to receive funding for this project is Orange County Navigation and Port District, located at 1201 South Childers Road, Orange, Texas 77630.

This community project funding (CPF) request would be used for the demolition and reconstruction of the Port's unstable transmodal yard. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the project will further utilize and expand its cargo transportation ability by allowing additional access to its existing wharfs. Better wharf access will provide more productive dock usage and allow more efficient cargo handling for clients. This increase in dock access will allow a greater tonnage of cargo to pass through the Port, thereby increasing support jobs both within the Port's property and throughout the region.

The project has a federal nexus for purposes authorized by 46 USC 54301.

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

Randy K. Weber

United States Representative